

JAIL MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING/CONSULTATION CURRICULUM
Summary of Training Components
(Proposed Minimum Four-Hour Training)

First Hour:

- Scope of the Problem in Jails/Correctional Settings
- Goals for Intervening (Protection; Suicide Prevention; Liability)
- Legal Issues (Right to Treatment, Liability, Use of Restraints, Policy/Procedures)
- Impact of the Jail Environment

Second Hour:

- Overview of Behavioral Health Issues/Biological Basis
(Thoughts/Feelings/Behavior)
- Psychiatric Medications

Third Hour:

- Suicide Prevention and Risk Management (Suicide Myths, Monitoring, Supervision, Classification/Housing, Staff Communications)

Fourth Hour:

- Screening/Identification (Model Assessment Tool)
- Documentation/Interface/Team Approach (Referrals/Consultation)

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